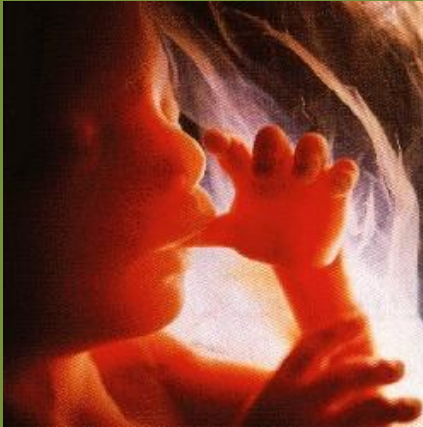




CIS eNewsletter

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Message from Karen Garbarino CIS State Director

Moving Integration Forward

The legislature has gone home and the dust from the whirlwind session is starting to settle. We are ready and excited to move ahead with fully integrating Children's Integrated Services. So much work has been done by the state CIS team and the regional teams to prepare for this step forward. Over the next few months, we will be selecting the three Phase 1 regions who will work with us on developing the work specifications for the integrated grants that will be issued in November. We will also be working with these partners to iron out the remaining details on payment methods, performance measures, and system design.

We will be presenting information about the next steps of the phased-in implementation process at an **iLink session on June 16th from 1:00 to 3:00**. Please contact Laurie Smith at laurie.smith@ahs.state.vt.us to register or if you have technical questions about accessing iLink.

This is such an exciting time for all of us working so hard to improve the lives of Vermont children and families. We often hear from parents they value having a strong relationship with a point person who provides emotional support and expertise. Having access to the resources they need to take care of their families, and receiving the services as quickly as possible, is a vital part of their support system. That's what CIS is all about.

Karen

**Be sure to visit our web site
for more resources**

Child Development Division:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd>

Children's Integrated Services:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis>

List of CIS Technical Assistance staff and
CIS Intake Coordinators:

http://dcf.vermont.gov/sites/dcf/files/pdf/cdd/cis/ntake_Coordinators_and_State_CIS_TA_Liaisons.pdf

Directory of Preferred Substance Abuse
Treatment Providers by Region:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers>

Autism Bill S-262

The Autism Bill S-262 has passed and will require private insurance and Medicaid to cover services for children with Autism beginning 7/1/11. There is a "stop clause" in the bill that requires a committee be formed to assess the economic impact to Medicaid and Vermont Health Access and report to the legislature. For the entire bill click on the link below:

<http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2010/bills/House/S-262.pdf>

Family Stories

We are looking for stories from families involved with CIS. We would like to share them in future newsletters. They can be written, recorded, or videotaped (with strict permission). For more information or a request for videotaping contact Lianne Petrocelli.

Please send them to:
Child Development Division
c/o Lianne Petrocelli
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671
<mailto:lianne.petrocelli@vtn.org>

Reflections Reflections

Check out this video about using video to share with family members:

<http://www.cde.state.co.us/media/results/matter/EISeries/UsingVideoToShareWithFamilyMembers.asp>

Early Childhood Podcasts From Frank Porter Graham

FPG Voices shares the latest information on early child development. Each episode features an interview with a nationally recognized, FPG expert.

<http://www.fpg.unc.edu/news/podcasts.cfm>

Data Bytes



CIS Data System Update from Daniel Howes

As many of you know, BDMP conducted a series of Joint Requirement Sessions during the week of May 17th. During these sessions, BDMP, CIS State Team staff, and local CIS representatives from 8 regions worked to identify business requirements for an integrated CIS data system. This work, while very tedious and difficult, yielded significant results and the dedication and commitment of all of you who worked with us that week is greatly appreciated.

To that end, we expect to receive a draft of the business requirements and functional design by June 4th. After receiving that document, the CIS State Team and Agency of Human Services representatives are scheduled to meet to discuss next steps for this process. Commonly, it is assumed that we will identify the critical requirements for the CIS data system and then submit an RFP for a vendor to build a system that meets these requirements. However, there is much yet to discuss by way of what interfaces will need to be considered and what capacity the State already has to house, store and retrieve data.

Our goal is to make a decision about the next steps for this project by the first week of August. We will keep you informed as we move forward.

Again, thank you all that have given your time and participated in the business analysis and business requirements information gathering sessions!

Early Intervention Child Outcomes

Part C Early Intervention programs are required to collect information on each child at entry into early intervention and when they exit the program. EI programs collect information on:

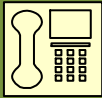
The percent of infants and toddlers with IFSPs who demonstrate improved:

- A. Positive social-emotional skills (including social relationships);
- B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and skills (including early language/ communication); and
- C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs.

An analysis of this data can be found in the State Performance Plan (SPP, pg 33) on the CDD website. The Part C program will be reporting against this baseline data in the federal report in February 2011.

Family Outcomes

The fifth annual Family survey is on its way to families served by CIS: Early Intervention! We want to know how early intervention services are doing from the families we serve. We heard back from 39% of our families in 2009 and are attempting to get even more replies this year. Some of the feedback we receive relates to families with young children. For example:



Recent teleconference calls and trainings

CIS Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Wednesday April 8th, 2010

The MP3 recording of the FAS/FASD call is posted on the CIS website along with the PowerPoint slides:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers/trainings>

CIS Community of Practice Call May 5th

Topic: *Trauma Informed Work*

Replay Dial-In Numbers and Pass code

North America Toll Free:

1 888 203-1112

Replay Pass code: contact Sue Shepard

CIS Open Agenda Call May 26th

Legislation for 3 CIS Pilots

Grants & contracts for SFY '11

Bundled funding

Data system update

Replay Dial-In: 1 888 203-1112

Passcode: 67758331

COP Call June 2nd: Blueprint for Health

Replay information:

1 888 203-1112

Passcode: 68038133

For more information please contact:

susan.shepard@ahs.state.vt.us



To what extent has our service helped your family to:

- Know your rights and advocate for your child?
- Understand your child's strengths, needs and abilities?
- Effectively communicate your child's needs?
- Help your child develop and learn?

In addition, we hear from families about:

- the degree to which they have the social supports they need
- their ability to access the services they need
- and the degree to which a family can participate in the activities they enjoy

In future issues we will share results from our 2010 Family survey as well as results from a survey in the Family Support pilot regions that includes many of the same questions.

Questions? Contact Maureen Sullivan (Maureen.sullivan@uvm.edu)



LINK IS GOOD

HealthyChildren.org

HealthyChildren.org is the only parenting Web site backed by 60,000 pediatricians committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental, and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

NEW Autism Internet Modules from OCALI (the Ohio Center for Autism and Low Incidence):

New modules have been posted to the site. A sampling includes: *Time Delay*, *Reinforcement*, and *Self-Management*, which join other titles including *Visual Supports*, *Assessment for Intervention*, and *Transitioning Between Activities*, and many others previously posted to AIM. Modules feature videos, charts, pictures, case studies and a glossary of key terms. Parent support groups, university faculty, or professional developers can use these questions and activities in face-to-face trainings. Access AIM for free at

www.autisminternetmodules.org

New Web Site! Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation:

Georgetown University's Center for Child and Human Development recently launched a new Web site for its Center for Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation. Funded by the Office of Head Start, the Web site will provide a wide range of resources on effective ways to promote young children's social emotional development and reduce challenging behaviors. To learn more and to access new products available on the Web site, go to <http://www.ecmhc.org/index.html>

'Referral Guidance' about CIS Referrals from DCF Family Services Division:

<http://dcf.vermont.gov/cdd/cis/providers/tools>

MEMBERS NEEDED. . .

The **Autism Plan Advisory Committee**, whose role is to provide advice to representatives of state government on implementing the State interagency autism plan, has openings for two members. One opening is for a representative from the education system. The other opening is for someone from human services who works with children under age 6. The committee meets the third Monday of each month from 9:30-11:30 am in Berlin. Members have the option of participating via conference calling. If you are interested in applying, please contact: Clare McFadden, Autism Specialist - Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Division of Disability and Aging Services 103 S. Main St. Waterbury, VT 05671-1601 Phone number- 802-241-2863 or email Clare at <mailto:clare.mcfadden@ahs.state.vt.us>



Teleconference Call-in Information:

Call 1-866-642-1665

Participant PIN#: 471230

Professional Development

Substance Use Training: Health Outcomes of Infants Exposed to Opiates in Utero

June 10th 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Presentation and discussion with Elizabeth Robinson, Nurse Practitioner, Fletcher Allen Health Care & Miriam Sheehey, RN, VT Child Health Improvement Project. PowerPoint slides will be forwarded closer to the presentation date.

Call in number: 1-866-642-1665

PIN #: 471230

CIS Community of Practice Conference Calls

The next CoP will be July 7th:

Professional staff supervision

First Wednesday of each month 1-2 p.m. Goal: to share information about professional development, learn from each other, and build a statewide CIS community of practice.

Call-in number: 1-866-642-1665 Participant PIN: 471230

Foundations for Early Learning (FEL). There is still space available!!!

Train-the-Trainers Institute!

Intended Audience:

Practitioners from (Early) Head Start, Early Childhood and Family Mental Health, Early Intervention, Essential Early Education, Early Care and Education, Health, area colleges/UVM and Vermont Family Network who provide professional development to providers of young children and their families through in-service/pre-service training, consultation or mentoring/coaching.

Dates and Location:

July 20 – 23, 2010 (FEL 1) at the Sleepy Hollow Inn, Huntington
October 18 – 19, 2010 (FEL 2), TBA

For more information please contact Maureen Sullivan at:

Maureen.Sullivan@uvm.edu

CSEFEL Website: <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/csefel/>

CELL Website: <http://www.earlyliteracylearning.org/>

CIS Calendar

June	July	August
June 10, 8:30-9:30 am Training Call: <i>Health Outcomes of infants exposed to opiates in utero</i>	July 7, Community of Practice call 1-2: Professional staff supervision	August 4, Community of Practice call 1-2: Writing plan goals
June 16, iLink: Implementation of integrated CIS grants Contact Laurie Smith at laurie.smith@ahs.state.vt.us to register	July 21, CIS open agenda call 1-2	August 12, 8:30-9:30am: Substance Use training (topic TBA)
June 17, ICC Quarterly Meeting		August 18, CIS open agenda call 1-2